

MARKED UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 1 under the title "COATING COMPOSITION", please insert the following paragraphs:

--REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This patent application claims priority of GB 9828443.3 filed on December 24, 1998, which was also filed as PCT Application No. PCT/GB99/04375 on December 23, 1999, designating the United States of America.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

At page 1, line 4, before the second paragraph, please insert the heading --BACKGROUND-- at the center of the line as a paragraph.

At page 3, between lines 19 and 20, please insert the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- as a paragraph.

At page 4, between lines 15 and 16, please insert the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION-- at the center of the line as a paragraph.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A pigmented solventborne paint pack which can be made into a waterborne coating composition [which comprises;] comprising:

i) [a waterborne pigment dispersion comprising pigment dispersed in water in the presence of a pigment dispersant, the aqueous pigment dispersion itself being in dispersion in

ii)] a solution in an organic solvent of polymer having functional groups and hydrophilic groups; and

ii) a waterborne pigment dispersion comprising pigment dispersed in water in the presence of a pigment dispersant, the aqueous pigment dispersion itself being in dispersion in said solution of organic solvent.

5. (Amended) A paint pack as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1 in which the hydrophilic groups are carboxylic acid groups or amine groups.

8. (Amended) A paint pack as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1 in which the polymer is a vinyl addition polymer, a polyester, a polyurethane, a mixed polyester-polyurethane or an epoxy polymer.

13. (Amended) A paint pack as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1 in which the polymer has a number average molecular weight as measured by gel permeation chromatography of 700 to 10,000.

15. (Amended) A paint pack as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 in which the polymer has an acid value of up to 50.

16. (Amended) A solventborne activated paint pack [which comprises the solventborne paint pack] as claimed in claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 14 and] further comprising a crosslinker which is dissolved in the organic solvent.

20. (Amended) A process for producing a solventborne paint pack which can be made into a pigmented waterborne coating composition, comprising a polymer having hydrophilic groups and functional groups, and a crosslinker for the polymer, comprising the steps of[;]:

- i) forming a solution of the polymer in an organic solvent; and
- ii) dispersing a waterborne pigment dispersion in the polymer solution.

21. (Amended) A process for producing a solventborne activated paint pack which can be made into an aqueous coating composition [comprising the process of] as claimed in claim 20 further comprising the steps of: [and the further step of]

adding to the solventborne paint pack a crosslinker which is soluble in the organic solvent;

and forming a solution of the crosslinker in the solvent.

22. (Amended) A process for producing an aqueous coating composition[which comprises the process of] as claimed in [C]claim 21 used to produce an aqueous coating composition [and the] further comprising the step of emulsifying the solventborne activated paint pack in an aqueous medium.


23. (Amended) A process [for coating a substrate] as claimed in claim 22 used to coat a substrate further comprising the step of [which comprises the steps of] applying a layer of a waterborne coating composition according to claim 22 to a surface of the substrate and thereafter causing or allowing the layer to cure.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants request that the Examiner enter the above amendments before the first examination. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 412-434-2938.

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